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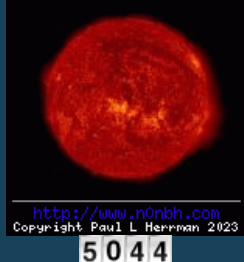
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K-Index: 4
X-Ray: B5.5
304A: 120.8 @ SEM
Ptn Flx: 5250
Elc Flx: 3860
Aurora: 7/n=1.99
Mag (Bz): -4.8
Solar Wind: 464.3
Geomag Field ACTIVE
Sig Noise Lvl S3-S4
Current Solar Image



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DX News

3A, MONACO. It was expected that **3A/MMØNDX** and **3A/MMØSAJ** would be QRV from Monaco on December 30th - January 3rd. Due to a medical emergency involving a close family member of MMØNDX, however, the operation has been postponed. While the trip is currently on hold, the team still intends to be active during the low band season - likely in February - once the situation stabilizes. New dates will be announced as soon as possible.

-[425DXN # 1809 January 3, 2026] (0102-0123)

3X, GUINEA. Herman, YB3GIH, is QRV as **3X/YB3GIH** from Boffa while on work assignment. Activity of late has been on 20 meters using SSB. His length of stay is unknown. QSL via eQSL.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 1 January 8, 2026] (0109-0130)

5N, NIGERIA. Lars, DM1HLK has lived in Ikeja, Nigeria since 2022, and got his **5N4DMZ** license in December 2025. For now, he is operating portable from the rooftop of his apartment complex, with a fixed setup planned for a later date. "At the moment only active in digital modes", he says, "but hope to get proficient enough to be QRV on CW during 2026". QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

-[425DXN # 1810 January 10, 2026] (0109-0130)

5Z4, KENYA. Michael, OZ6ABL will be active as **5Z4/OZ6ABL** from Watamu (LI06ap), Kenya, from **January 15th to February 28th**. Activity will be holiday style on 80-6 meters CW, SSB, and FT8/FT4. QSL via LoTW, [ClubLog's QQRS](#), or via [OZ6ABL](#).

-[425DXN # 1810 January 10, 2026] (0109-0227)

6Y, JAMAICA. Lester, W8YCM, is QRV as both **W8YCM/6Y** and **6Y8LV until mid-January 2026**. Activity is holiday style on 17, 12, and 10 meters using SSB. QSL direct to [W8YCM](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 50 December 11, 2025] (1212-0116)

9A, CROATIA. To celebrate their 15th anniversary, members of the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC (9A1WFF) will be active as **9A44FF** and **9A44FF/p** from **January 1st until December 31st**. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/9A44FF> for information about the Anniversary Award.

-[425DXN # 1808 December 27, 2025] (0102-0123)

9A, CROATIA. Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A69AA throughout 2026** to mark his 69 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via [9A2AA](#).

-[425DXN # 1809 January 3, 2026] (0102-0123)

C5, THE GAMBIA. Tony, IK7WUL, is QRV as **C5WL until January 20th**. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to [IK7WUL](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 1 January 8, 2026] (0109-0123)

C5, THE GAMBIA. Andre, ON7YK, is QRV as **C5YK** from Kotu **until January 25th**. Activity is on 20 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY, FT8, FT4, and some CW. QSL via LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 49 December 4, 2025] (1205-0123)

CE, CHILE. Jacek, SP5APW will be active holiday style as **CE7/SP5APW** from Chiloe Island (SA-018) on **January 14th-18th**, and as **CE8/SP5APW** from Tierra del Fuego (SA-008) on **January 23rd-24th**. He will operate FT8 and SSB on 20-10 meters, and FT8 on 6 meters.

-[425DXN # 1810 January 10, 2026] (0109-0130)

CE, Chile. Operators CE2PM and CE2GT will be QRV as **CB9N, XR9N, and 3G9S** from Navarino Island (SA-050) from **January 10th to 17th**. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL direct.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 1 January 8, 2026] (0109-0116)

CE9, ANTARCTICA. Felix, DL5XL returns to Neumayer III and will be active again as **DP1POL** from **January 6th to February 14th**. He will operate mainly CW on the HF bands, with some Digital modes and SSB. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog. QSL via [DL1ZBO](#).

-[425DXN # 1803 November 22, 2025] (0102-0219)

CE9, ANTARCTICA. George, VU2DGR, remains active as **AT44I** from the Indian station Bharati (AN-016) **until early 2026**. QSL direct via [VU2DGR](#).

-[DXNL # 2491 December 31, 2025] (0102-0116)

CEØX, SAN FELIX & SAN AMBROSIO. Felipe, XQ7IR, is putting the efforts together for getting San Ambrosio (SA-013) on the air for about 25 days from **January 12th to February 15th**. In addition to the team on the island (including Cezar, VE3LYC), there will also be remote capability around the clock coordinated by Renner, PY7RP. The team plans to get on the air on 160-6m on CW, SSB, and FT8. All equipment has been acquired and will be enroute to Robinson Crusoe Island before being transported to San Ambrosio. For more information see <https://sanambrosio-project.com/index.php>. QSL via [MØURX's QQRS](#).

-[DXNL # 2488 December 10, 2025] (0109-1213)

CN, MOROCCO. Members of the Association Royale des Radioamateurs du Maroc will be active as **CN35CAN** during the 35th edition of the Africa Cup of Nations, the biennial international competition for African football (soccer) teams. Morocco will host the tournament from **December 21st to January 18th**. QSL direct to [CN35CAN](#).

-[425DXN # 1806 December 13, 2025] (1219-0123)

CT, PORTUGAL. The Rede dos Emissores Portugueses (REP) has announced an activity open to its members across Portugal, running from **January 8th to December 31st**. Using the special callsign **CT1ØØREP** (including /p or /m), this year-long collective activity celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the REP, Portugal's IARU society. Operation is planned across various HF, VHF, and UHF bands using multiple modes (SSB, CW, Digital) and satellites.

-[425DXN # 1810 January 10, 2026] (0109-0130)

DL, GERMANY. The DARC Team SES will be active as **DA2Ø26SKI** from **January 15th to February 15th** for the FIS Ski-Flying World Championships to be held in Oberstdorf. QSL via [DK5ON](#), LoTW or DCL (DARC Community Logbook).

-[425DXN # 1810 January 10, 2026] (0109-0220)

DL, GERMANY. The DARC Team SES will be active as **DH2Ø26EM** from **January 10th to February 10th** for the Men's European Handball Championship to be cohosted by Denmark, Sweden and Norway. QSL via [DK5ON](#), LoTW and DCL (DARC Community Logbook).

-[425DXN # 1809 January 3, 2026] (0109-0213)

DL, GERMANY. DARC Team SES will be active as **DL25WIKI** **throughout 2026**. The special callsign celebrates the 25th anniversary of Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, founded in January 2001: "the station reflects the spirit of free knowledge and international collaboration within the amateur radio community. Wikipedia and amateur radio share common values: openness, education, technical enthusiasm, and worldwide networking". QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and the DCL (DARC Community Logbook). QSL cards will be sent automatically via the bureau.

-[425DXN # 1807 December 20, 2025] (0102-0130)

DL, GERMANY. The following special event stations celebrate 100 years of the German aviation company Lufthansa **during 2026**: **DA1ØØLH**, **DL1ØØLH**, and **DK1ØØLH**. QSL via [DK5ON](#).

-[DXNL # 2491 December 31, 2025] (0102-0123)

DL, GERMANY. Special callsign **DB1ØØFT** will be active **throughout 2026** to celebrate the centenary of the Berlin Radio Tower (Funkturn), one of the city's most iconic landmarks. The 150-meter-high steel lattice tower occupies a prominent place in the history of radio broadcasting in Germany, as it was used to broadcast transmissions starting in 1926. QSL via [DO2PZ](#).

-[425DXN # 1807 December 20, 2025] (0102-0130)

DL, GERMANY. The special event stations **DA1ØØTV** and **DL1ØØTV** celebrate 100 years of television in Germany **during 2026**. QSL via [DK5ON](#).

-[DXNL # 2491 December 31, 2025] (0102-0123)

DL, GERMANY. To commemorate the centenary of the first Kurzwellentagung (the landmark convention for German shortwave enthusiasts held in Jena on January 16-17, 1926) the special callsign **DF1ØØKWTJ** will be active from **January 1st until March 31st**. QSL via the bureau.

-[425DXN # 1808 December 27, 2025] (0102-0123)

DXCC TOP TWENTY. Here are the top 20 entities on ClubLog's "DXCC Most Wanted" list as of January 8, 2026:

1. P5	DPRK (North Korea)	11. KH4	Midway Island
2. KH3	Johnston Island	12. VKØM	Macquarie Island
3. KH7K	Kure Island	13. EZ	Turkmenistan
4. CEØX	San Felix Islands	14. KP5	Desecheo Island
5. FT5/X	Kerguelen Island	15. PYØS	Saint Peter And Paul Rocks
6. BS7H	Scarborough Reef	16. VPØS	South Sandwich Islands
7. BV9P	Pratas Island	17. YK	Syria
8. YVØ	Aves Island	18. ZL9	New Zealand Subantarctic Islands
9. 3Y/P	Peter 1 Island	19. VKØH	Heard Island
10. 3Y/B	Bouvet Island	20. FT/T	Tromelin Island

For the complete list, see <https://clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

-[KØCF January 9, 2026] (0109-0130)

EA, SPAIN. "Plus Ultra" was a flying boat which completed the first transatlantic flight between Spain and South America in January 1926. To mark the centenary of that event, Cartagena Team's members will be active as **AO5PU** on **January 12th-25th**. QSL via [EA5GTU](#).

-[425DXN # 1810 January 10, 2026] (0109-0130)

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. Phil, VK3HA, is QRV as **FK1TS** until **January 31st**. QSL to [VK3HA](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 52 December 31, 2025] (0102-0130)

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Pascal, F6HCM, is QRV as **FO/F6HCM** until **February 5th**, from various islands in this archipelago. Activity is in his spare time and generally on 15 meters using CW with QRP power. QSL to [F6HCM](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 52 December 31, 2025] (0102-0206)

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Pierre-Jean, F4GPK will be active again as **TO2FY** from Korou, French Guiana from **December 22nd to January 15th**. Activity will be mostly on 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB only. He does not do paper QSLs or ClubLog. QSL only via LoTW and eQSL.

-[425DXN # 1806 December 13, 2025] (1219-0116)

G, ENGLAND. Special callsign **GB5ØPUNK** will be used by David, G3SKA "and team" to use at various times from **January 1st until December 31st** to celebrate 50 years of punk rock music. Updates will be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/61585208894891>. QSOs will be uploaded to ClubLog and eQSL; QSL via the bureau or direct to [GB5ØPUNK](#).

-[425DXN # 1809 January 3, 2026] (0102-0123)

G, ENGLAND. Using vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd from the mid-1950s to the 1970s, the **GB8KW** multi-operator station will be active again over the "KW Weekend" (**January 3rd-4th**) from the Cray Valley radio club's HQ in Eltham, England. Other special callsigns are expected to be activated by collectors and restorers across the UK during the month, notably **GB2KW** from Scotland.

-[425DXN # 1808 December 27, 2025] (0102-0123)

G, ENGLAND. Members of the Humber Fortress DX Amateur Radio Club operate as **GB26HNY** from **December 26th to January 18th**.

-[DXNL # 2490 December 24, 2025] (1226-0116)

HH, HAITI. Special event station **4V1L** is QRV **during January** to commemorate Marie-Jeanne Lamartiniere, a heroine of the Haitian Revolution. QSL via [N2OO](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 52 December 31, 2025] (0102-0130)

HKØ/A, SAN ANDRES & PROVIDENCIA. Chris, DF3TJ has been active as **HKØ/DF3TJ** from Providencia (NA-049) for a few days and will remain there **until January 16th**. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), or via [ON5JC](#).

-[425DXN # 1810 January 10, 2026] (0109-0116)

HKØ, SAN ANDRES & PROVIDENCIA. Adrian, HK4Q is QRV as **HK4Q/Ø** from Providencia (NA-049). He has been active on 10 meters using SSB around 2230z. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to [HK4Q](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 1 January 8, 2026] (0109-0130)

HR, HONDURAS. Dave, VE3VSM will be active holiday style as **VE3VSM/HR9** from Roatan Island (NA-057), Honduras on **January 5th-31st**. He will operate CW and FT8. QSL via LoTW, or via [VE3VSM](#).

-[425DXN # 1810 January 10, 2026] (0109-0130)

I, ITALY. ARI Fidenza (IQ4FE), with the patronage and historical supervision of the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, will use a series of special callsigns **throughout 2026**, each representing one of the "key figures who played a fundamental role in Marconi's personal and emotional, educational and cultural, academic, scientific and, finally, entrepreneurial development": **I14GMRC (January)**, **I14AJMR**

(February), **II4AMRC** (March), **II4JDVS** (April), **II4ROSA** (May), **II4PRCE** (June), **II4JAFL** (July), **II4KEMP** (August), **II4PAGE** (September), **II4NTTI** (October), **II4GCLB** (November) and **II4SLRI** (December). Complete information about the "Marconi Supporters" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to [IQ4FE](#).
-[425DXN # 1809 January 3, 2026] (0102-0130)

J3, GRENADA. Rikk, WE9G is QRV as **J38WG** until February 16th. Activity is on 160 through 6 meters using mostly FT8 with some CW and SSB. He may also activate some POTA references. QSL to [WE9G](#), [ClubLog's OQRS](#), LoTW.
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 52 December 31, 2025] (0102-0220)

K, UNITED STATES. The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on January 2nd-31st. Look for **K3Y** to be aired from the ten US call areas (**K3Y/Ø** through **K3Y/9**), plus **/KH6**, **/KL7** and **/KP4**. Information on the event and QSL instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>.
-[425DXN # 1808 December 27, 2025] (0102-0130)

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA. Darren, VK4MAP is active as **KH8/VK4MAP** from American Samoa for a couple of weeks. He started from Tutuila Island (OC-045) and he will move to the Manua Islands (OC-077) on January 2nd or 3rd. He operates SSB, mainly on 10 meters. QSL to [VK4MAP](#).
-[425DXN # 1809 January 3, 2026] (0102-0116)

KP5, DESECHEO I. In collaboration with the Vieques Island Amateur Radio Club (NP3VI) and the Manyana DX Foundation, **KP5/NP3VI** is expected to be "a landmark DXpedition" to Desecheo Island, currently ranked as the 14th most wanted DXCC Entity worldwide.

Located approximately 13 miles off the west coast of Puerto Rico, Desecheo Island has not been activated since 2009. This operation represents the first Puerto Rican-led DXpedition to KP5 in 48 years, following the historic KP4AM/D activation in 1978.

Plans are to deploy two self-sustained RDUs (Remote Deployable Units) provided by the Manyana DX Foundation. The deployment window is January 12th-14th, weather permitting. Once deployed, the DXpedition is expected to operate 24 hours a day for approximately 30 consecutive days, until the scheduled recovery date. The stations will utilize state-of-the-art remote operating infrastructure from Remote Ham Radio (RHR). KP5/NP3VI will be QRV on 160-6 meters CW, SSB, and FT8 (always MSHV, never F/H). ClubLog's Live Stream feature will be enabled. More information and updates can be found on <https://desecheo2026.com/kp5/> and <https://www.facebook.com/people/Desecheo-2026-Dxpedition/61585525894897/>. QSL via [MØOXO's OQRS](#).
-[425DXN # 1808 December 27, 2025] (0109-0213)

LZ, BULGARIA. Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special call signs during 2026 to honor various Orthodox saints: **LZ1426EN** (January and February), **LZ488AM** (March and April), **LZ370TL** (May and June), **LZ67PP** (July and August), **LZ936BA** (September and October), **LZ911TD** (November and December). Details on the "All Saints 2026 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria.
-[425DXN # 1809 January 3, 2026] (0102-0130)

OX, GREENLAND. Michael, **OX3MC**, plans to get on the air whenever time permits from December 29th to February 25th from Pituffik Space Base (NA-018). QRV on 80-10m, mostly on SSB. QSL via OZ QSL bureau.
-[DXNL # 2490 December 24, 2025] (1226-0227)

P4, ARUBA. Mathias, DL4MM will be active again as **P4ØAA** from Aruba (SA-036) on January 11th-29th, CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23rd-25th) included. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-10 meters. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#) and LoTW.
-[425DXN # 1809 January 3, 2026] (0109-0130)

PJ2, CURACAO. Thaire, W2APF will be QRV as **PJ2/W2APF** from January 10th to March 31st. QSL to [W2APF](#).
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 1 January 8, 2026] (0109-0206)

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN. Giovanni IZ2DPX as **PJ7/IZ2DPX**, and Flavio IW2NEF as **PJ7/IW2NEF** will be active from Sint Maarten (NA-105) on **January 13th-21st**. They will operate SSB and FT8/FT4 on various bands. Additionally, side trips to FS, St. Martin are also being planned, with limited operations as **FS/IZ2DPX** and **FS/IW2NEF** from a mobile setup. QSL PJ7/IZ2DPX and FS/IZ2DPX via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), LoTW, or via home call. QSL PJ7/IW2NEF and FS/IW2NEF via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), LoTW, direct to [IK2DUW](#), or via bureau to HE9ERA.

-[425DXN # 1808 December 27, 2025] (0109-0123)

S2, BANGLADESH. During 2026, the S21DX team will activate 17 grids via the QO-100 satellite. They plan to operate two stations from each grid for 2-3 days throughout the year, primarily using SSB with some CW. Grids to be activated are NL41-NL46, NL51-NL55, and NL60-NL65. Teams will vary by location and date. Operators mentioned are **S21ACP**, **S21AM**, **S21FIA**, **S21HMX**, **S21MOB**, **S21RC**, **S21RED** and **S21YLJ** as they will use their personal callsigns. QSL management and LoTW availability may differ individually. See <https://s21dx.org/> for more information and updates. Also, the S21DX team will issue a "special paper QSL card" for the event, and an Online QSL Request System (OQRS) will be available soon.

-[425DXN # 1809 January 3, 2026] (0102-0123)

SP, POLAND. The Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club (SP3PDO) will use twelve special callsigns during 2026 to honor as many different Polish saints. The first callsign in the series, **SP1894MMK** (**January 1st-31st**), is for St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe (SP3RN), born on January 8, 1894, and killed at Auschwitz in 1941. It will be followed by **SP1440SL** (**February**), **SP1040SSZ** (**March**), **SP1865JML** (**April**), **SP1920KW** (**May**), **SP1373JA** (**June**), **SP1183JO** (**July**), **SP1905MFK** (**August**), **SP1373AB** (**September**), **SP1550SK** (**October**), **SP1234KK** (**November**) and **SP1835JK** (**December**). See <https://radioawards.club/ses/155> for the certificates. QSL via [SP3PDO](#).

-[425DXN # 1807 December 20, 2025] (1226-0123)

T8, PALAU. Watch for JA6KYU, JA6EGL and JH6OPP to be active as **T88HS**, **T88SM** and **T88XE** respectively on various bands and modes from the Palau Radio Club on Koror Island (OC-009) on **January 7th-15th**. QSL T88HS via [JA6KYU](#), T88SM via [JA6EGL](#) and T88XE via [JH6OPP](#).

-[425DXN # 1809 January 3, 2026] (0102-0116)

TL, CENTRAL AFRICA. Joao, CR7BNW will be active as **TL8BNW** from Bangui, Central African Republic for **six months**. During his stay he will be QRV on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter SSB and FT8. He has already conducted some preliminary tests in preparation for his first activity, which is scheduled for **December 20th-25th**. QSL via LoTW, and QRZ.

-[425DXN # 1807 December 20, 2025] (1219-0123)

TY, BENIN. Gerard, F5NVF will be active as **TY5GG** from Benin from **January 6th until April 6th**. QSOS will be uploaded to ClubLog (with Live Stream enabled). QSL via LoTW.

-[425DXN # 1809 January 3, 2026] (0102-0130)

TZ, MALI. Jeff, **TZ4AM** is QRV from Bamako and plans to be active **until February** as local conditions permit. Activity is on 40 through 6 meters using mostly CW and some SSB. QSL via [KX4R](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 52 December 31, 2025] (0102-0130)

UA, EUROPEAN RUSSIA. Special callsigns **R2026A**, **R2026C**, **R2026L**, **R2026N**, **R2026NY**, **R2026S**, **R2026X**, **UE26HNY** and **UE26NY** will be active from **December 29th to January 11th** for the annual "Russian New Year" radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club (<https://mdxc.ru/>) and the Rostov Oblast branch of the Russian Amateur Radio Union (SSR). See <https://hamlog.online/club/mdxc> for the certificates. QSL via [RQ7L](#).

-[425DXN # 1806 December 13, 2025] (1226-0116)

VK, AUSTRALIA. Special callsign **AX120AAC** celebrates the 120th anniversary of the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) **during 2026**.

-[DXNL # 2491 December 31, 2025] (0102-0123)

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN IS. Jonathan, W5GI, is QRV as **VP2V/W5GI** from Anegada Island **until January 20th**. Activity is on 40 through 10 meters, but mainly on 20 meters, using SSB and FT8. This

includes being active from POTA VG-0021. QSL to [W5GI](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 1 January 8, 2026] (0109-0123)

VP6, PITCAIRN I. Mike, WA6SVT, is QRV as **VP6MC**. Of late, he has been active on 20 meters using SSB around 0200z. QSL to [WA6SVT](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 52 December 31, 2025] (0102-0123)

VP8/H,LU,CE9,HFØ,4K1, SOUTH SHETLAND IS. Ivo, LZ1AAW is heading to the Bulgarian Antarctic Base St. Kliment Ohridski on Livingston Island (AN-010). He plans to be QRV as **LZØA** in his spare time from approximately **December 27th to February 16th**. He will operate SSB and FT8/FT4 on 20 meters and possibly other bands. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW after the end of the activity. QSL via [LZ2UU](#).

-[425DXN # 1807 December 20, 2025] (1226-0213)

VU, INDIA. Sandy, VU2DX, is QRV as **AT3WWA** from Goa **until January 31st**, for the World Wide Award event. QSL to [VU2DX](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 52 December 31, 2025] (0102-0130)

VU, INDIA. Bernhard, DL2GAC, is on the air as **VU2BMS** **until mid-January**.

-[DXNL # 2490 December 24, 2025] (1226-0116)

XT, BURKINA FASO. Max, DK1MAX will be active as **XT2MAX** from Ouagadougou (IK92fh), Burkina Faso on **January 4th-11th**. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (MSHV) on 20-6 meters ("lower bands if noise and space allow"). QSL via LoTW, [ClubLog's OQRS](#), or via [EA5GL](#).

-[425DXN # 1809 January 3, 2026] (0102-0116)

XU, CAMBODIA. Tom, DL7BO, will be QRV as **XU7GNY** from **December 22nd to January 18th**. Activity will be on 160 through 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8, and concentrating on the lower bands. QSL direct via [DJ4WK](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 51 December 18, 2025] (1219-0123)

YB, INDONESIA. Dave, PB2X will be active as **YB5/PB2X** from West Sulawesi, Indonesia from **January 15th until February 5th**. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 ("if I get it working in time") on 80-10 meters. QSL via [PB2X](#).

-[425DXN # 1810 January 10, 2026] (0109-0206)

YU, SERBIA. The radio club Mihajlo Pupin YU7BCD in Pancevo celebrates its 45th anniversary **during 2026** with the callsign **YU45MJA**. QSL via LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2491 December 31, 2025] (0102-0123)

YU, SERBIA. The special event callsign **YU65AEC** celebrates the 65th anniversary of the first radio club in Odzaci **throughout 2026**.

-[DXNL # 2487 December 3, 2025] (0102-0123)

Z3, NORTH MACEDONIA. Members of radio club Stevo Patakot from Bitola are QRV with special call **Z38ØCEF** to celebrate the club's 80th anniversary. QSL via operators' instructions.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 1 January 8, 2026] (0109-0130)

Z6, KOSOVO. Gabriele, HB9TSW will be active again as **Z68BG** from Slatina Air Base near Pristina, Kosovo on **January 8th-28th**. He will operate CW only in his spare time. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via [HB9TSW](#).

-[425DXN # 1809 January 3, 2026] (0102-0130)

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN. Diya, YI1DZ, will be QRV as **Z81D** from Juba from **December 14th to March 10th**. Activity will be in his spare time. QSL to [YI1DZ](#).

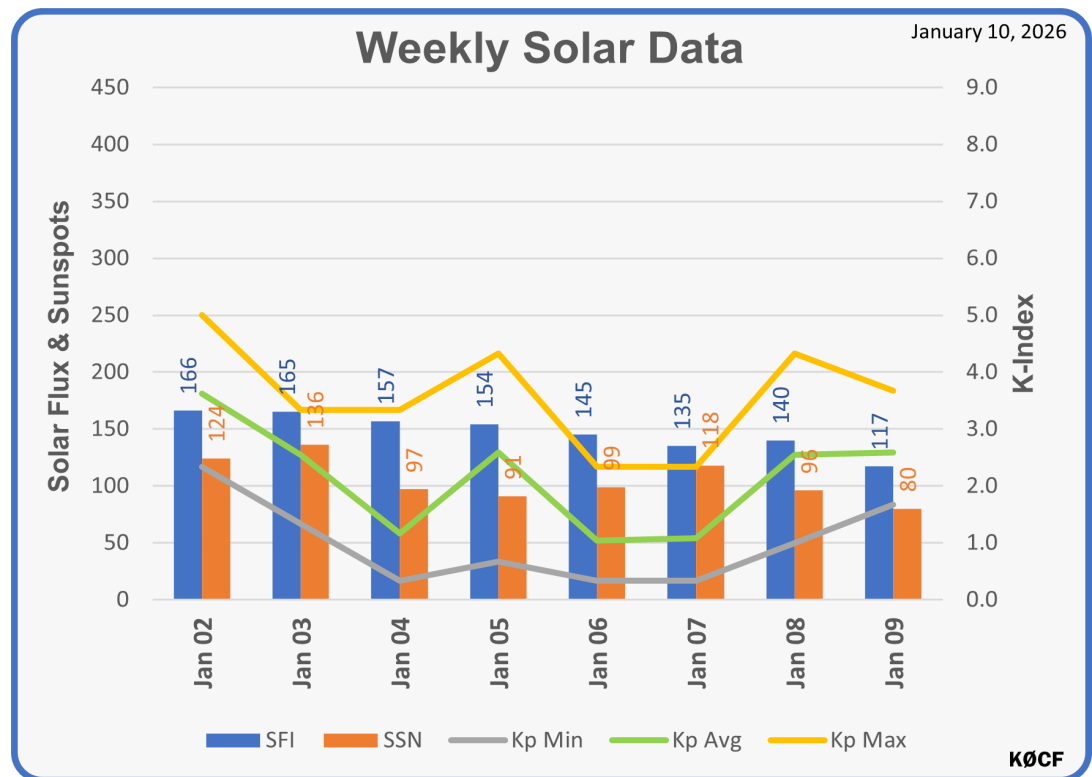
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 50 December 11, 2025] (1212-0116)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND. The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) was founded in Auckland in 1926. To celebrate their centenary, NZART members are encouraged to use the **ZM** prefix **during 2026**; in addition, individual operators and NZART branches can apply to use special **ZL1ØØ** callsigns for a period of 1 to 3 months - e.g. Ian ZL1MVL and the Whangarei Amateur Radio Club

(ZL1AM) will be using **ZL1ØØMVL** and **ZL1ØØAM**, respectively, **until March 31st**.
 -[425DXN # 1808 December 27, 2025] (0102-0130)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND. Special callsign **ZL6ØPAH** will be used by Phil, ZL3PAH from **November 23rd to February 22, 2026**, to celebrate his diamond jubilee in amateur radio. He will operate CW, RTTY, and "maybe a little SSB too" on 80-10 meters. QSL via LoTW.
 -[425DXN # 1802 November 15, 2025] (1121-0220)

Propagation



The Weekly Solar Data chart plots Solar Flux Index (SFI), Sunspot number (SSN) and Planetary K-Index (Kp) for the past 8 days. With 8 Planetary K-index readings each day, only the minimum, average and maximum K-index values are plotted. **Note:** You may click [here](#) or on the chart above to see the same data for the past month.

The Daily Solar Flux Index, Sunspot number, Planetary K-index, Solar Flux predictions and Solar Flare data used in this bulletin have been collected by KØCF from the U.S. Department of Commerce's NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center.

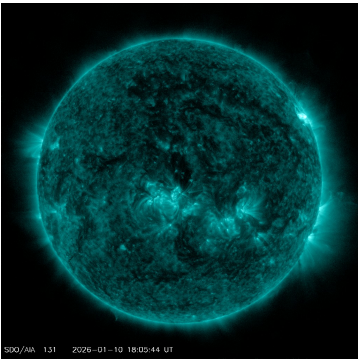
The propagation graphs above are the creations of KØCF and are unique in space weather reporting.

Please Note: The graphs are high resolution .PNG files which you may view in greater detail using your browser's "zoom" feature. Alternatively, right click on the graph and select "Open Image in New Tab" to enlarge it, or "Save Image As..." to save it to your computer for further analysis.

NASA's current view of the Sun at a wave-length of 131 Angstroms. This wavelength shows incredible solar detail.

Click [here](#) or on the

image to view as a full screen 48-hour video loop. It is fascinating!



Propagation Summary

For the 8 day period from Friday, January 2nd through Friday, January 9th.

The average solar flux was 145, down 34 points from the previous week, with a weekly high of 166 on Friday, January 2nd, followed by a low of 117 on January 9th.

The average sunspot count was 102, down by 29 from last week, peaking at 136 on Saturday, January 3rd followed by a weekly low of 80 on January 9th.

The Planetary K-index weekly average was 3.6 with a maximum of 5.0 on Friday, January 2nd, indicating a minor geomagnetic storm. The most recent K-index maximum was 3.7 with generally quiet conditions.

Solar flare activity since January 3rd has been quiet with no major flares.

Propagation Data

Major solar flares, Saturday, January 3rd through 1607 UTC, January 10th.

#	Date	UTC	Mag.
None Reported			

(NOAA's graph of recent flare activity: [GOES-X-Ray-Flux](#))

From the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center, here are the probabilities of major solar flares and the predicted 10.7 cm Solar Flux for the next 3 days. NOAA updates this information daily.

Date	M-Flares	X-Flares	Solar Flux
Jan 10	15%	1%	118
Jan 11	20%	1%	118
Jan 12	20%	1%	120

Looking farther ahead, here is the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center forecast of 10.7 cm radio flux and maximum Planetary K-index (Kp) for the next 12 days. This data is updated by NOAA every Monday (last updated on January 5, 2026).

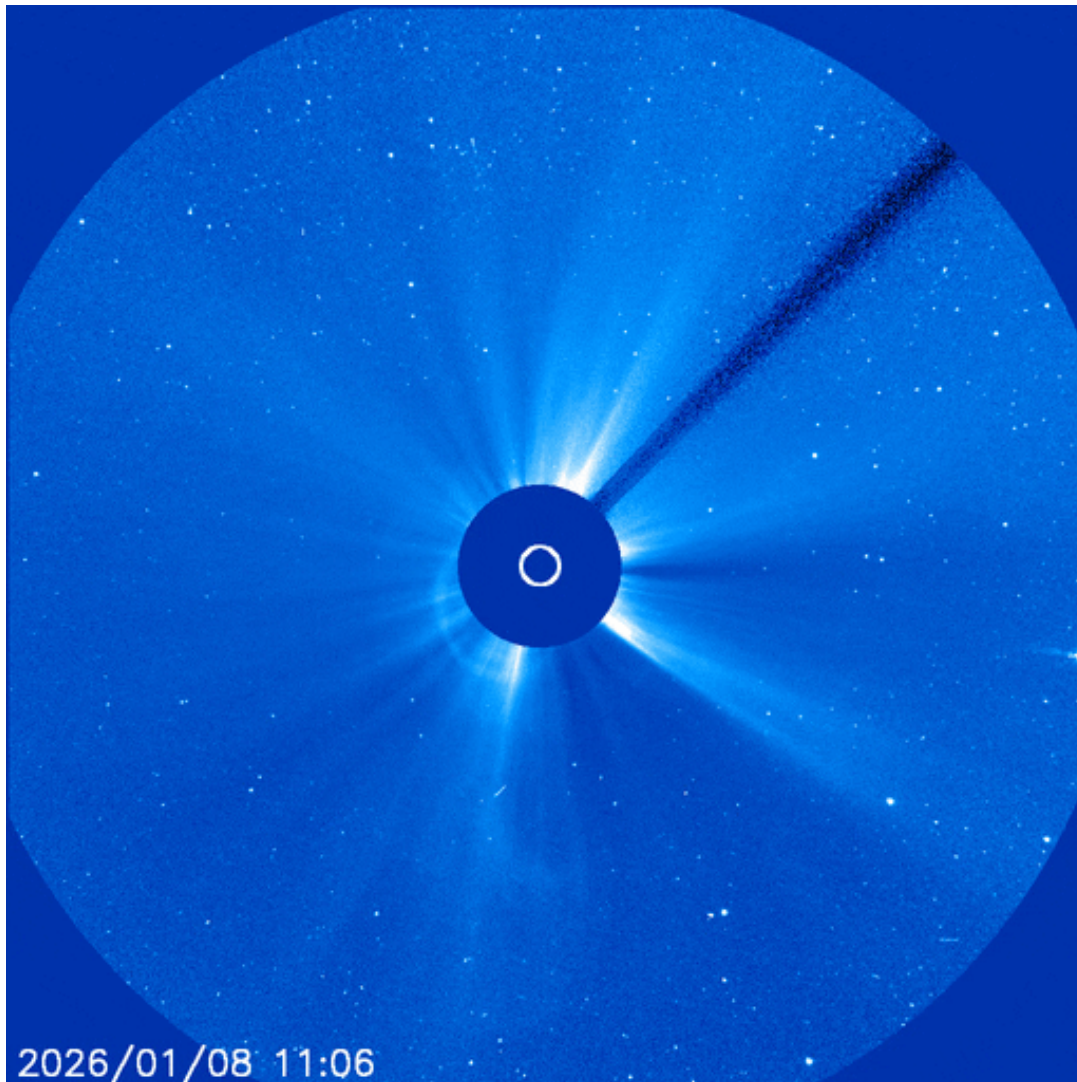
Date	Flux	Kp
Jan 10	135	3
Jan 11	130	2
Jan 12	135	3
Jan 13	135	5

Date	Flux	Kp
Jan 14	140	5
Jan 15	145	2
Jan 16	145	2
Jan 17	145	5

Date	Flux	Kp
Jan 18	140	5
Jan 19	145	5
Jan 20	150	5
Jan 21	155	3

A CME Might Hit Earth Today

A [C5.5-class solar flare](#) on Jan. 8th hurled a CME almost directly toward Earth. NOAA forecasters expect it to arrive during the late hours of Jan. 10th, sparking [G1](#)-class geomagnetic storms. Here's what the CME looks like:



This CME might be more potent than it looks. [A NOAA model](#) shows it merging with another minor CME also launched on Jan. 8th. If the two CMEs really do merge, they would form a [Cannibal CME](#)--a type of storm cloud that punches above its weight. Cannibal CMEs contain enhanced shock waves that do a good job igniting geomagnetic storms. High latitude sky watchers should be alert for auroras during the night of Jan. 10-11.

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Global D Region Absorption

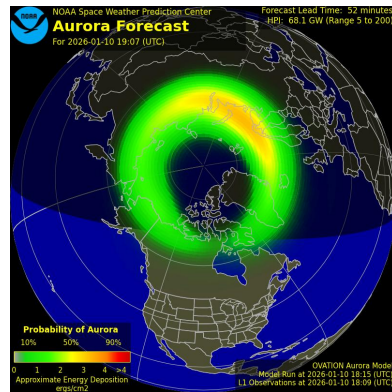
Conditions in the D-region of the ionosphere have a dramatic effect on HF communications. The D-Region Absorption map combines the effects of solar particles and photons. Yellow to red colors on the map depict increasing signal attenuation, where the bar chart at the right displays attenuation versus frequency. Click the thumbnail below for an animated map of D-Region Absorption:

 [Absorption](#)

The Aurora Borealis

The aurora is not only beautiful to see but can have a profound impact on HF and VHF radio propagation. For the HF operator, auroras can result in a complete shut-down of propagation. However, on VHF, auroras present interesting DX possibilities. Beam antennas are very desirable and should be pointed north, towards the aurora. Signals are reflected by "back-scatter" and will be distorted with a rough buzz. SSB is the best voice mode to use, but copy can be difficult. CW will have a rough buzzy sound but be perfectly copyable. Click the thumbnail below for an animated map of

aurora versus time:



Highs for Cycle 25

Solar Flux: 336 on August 8, 2024.

Sunspots: 382 on August 10, 2024.

Popular Propagation web sites

<https://prop.kc2g.com/> (Excellent Maximum Usable Frequency map)

NOAA <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>

<https://www.spaceweather.com/>

<https://www.solarham.com/>

<https://dx.gsl.net/propagation/>

A Propagation Tutorial

The solar X-ray flux tracks solar activity and solar flares. Solar flux, which can vary from as low as 50 to as high as 300, influences the level of ionization in the F2 region of the ionosphere, providing a very good prediction of HF DX conditions. The higher the solar flux, the better conditions will be for the higher HF frequencies and even 6 meters. However, the levels need to be maintained for some days to allow ionization in the F2 layer to build up. A solar flux of 150 results in good HF band conditions, while levels of 200 and up can provide great conditions.

Large X-ray flares on the sun can increase the ionization of the D layer of the ionosphere (a lower layer) on the sunlit side of the Earth, greatly attenuating or blocking HF radio transmissions for up to a half hour. Solar flares often produce Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) which, if Earth directed, can lead to geomagnetic storms. Some large flares are also accompanied by strong radio bursts that may interfere with other radio frequencies and cause problems for satellite communication and radio navigation (GPS).

The Planetary K-index is a measure of the magnitude of geomagnetic storms and is an excellent indicator of disturbances in the Earth's magnetic field. A level of 1 or 2 represents quiet geomagnetic conditions; a reading of 3 or 4 may cause some propagation deterioration; 5 and 6 are minor to moderate geomagnetic storms; and 7 to 9 are strong, severe, and extreme storm conditions. Strong geomagnetic storms can trigger Auroral displays and cause HF radio blackouts. Higher geomagnetic activity also has the adverse effect of lowering maximum usable frequencies, much like lower solar flux does.

For best conditions, the solar flux should be above 150 for a few days with the K index below 2. When these conditions are met, some good DX is likely!

(Compiled from information on NOAA.gov and other sources.)

Contest Calendar

Weekly Contests

Contest	Start UTC		End	Web Site
K1USN Slow Speed Test	Monday	0000Z	0100Z	Rules
ICWC Medium Speed Test	Monday	1300Z	1400Z	Rules
	Monday	1900Z	2000Z	
	Tuesday	0300Z	0400Z	
CWops Test (CWT)	Wednesday	1300Z	1400Z	Rules
	Wednesday	1900Z	2000Z	
	Thursday	0300Z	0400Z	
	Thursday	0700Z	0800Z	
Weekly RTTY Test	Friday	0145Z	0215Z	Rules
NCCC CW Sprint (NS)	Friday	0230Z	0300Z	Rules

Note: Start Days are in UTC, e.g. Monday at 0000 UTC is Sunday at 7:00 PM in the Central Daylight Saving Time zone, or Sunday at 6:00 PM in the Central Standard Time zone.

Full Calendar

Contest	Start		End		Web Site
North American QSO Party, CW	Jan 10	1800Z	Jan 11	0600Z	Rules
North American QSO Party, SSB	Jan 17	1800Z	Jan 18	0600Z	Rules
ARRL January VHF Contest	Jan 17	1900Z	Jan 19	0359Z	Rules
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	Jan 23	2200Z	Jan 25	2159Z	Rules
REF Contest, CW	Jan 24	0600Z	Jan 25	1800Z	Rules
Vermont QSO Party	Feb 7	0000Z	Feb 8	2400Z	Rules
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	Feb 7	0001Z	Feb 8	2359Z	Rules
Mexico RTTY International Contest	Feb 7	1200Z	Feb 8	2359Z	Rules
Minnesota QSO Party	Feb 7	1400Z	Feb 7	2400Z	Rules
British Columbia QSO Party	Feb 7	1600Z	Feb 8	2400Z	Rules
North American Sprint, CW	Feb 8	0000Z	Feb 8	0359Z	Rules
ARRL School Club Roundup	Feb 9	1300Z	Feb 13	2359Z	Rules
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	Feb 14	0000Z	Feb 15	2400Z	Rules
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	Feb 20	2200Z	Feb 22	2159Z	Rules
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	Feb 21	0000Z	Feb 22	2400Z	Rules
REF Contest, SSB	Feb 21	0600Z	Feb 22	1800Z	Rules
South Carolina QSO Party	Feb 21	1500Z	Feb 22	0159Z	Rules
North American QSO Party, RTTY	Feb 28	1800Z	Mar 1	0600Z	Rules
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	Mar 7	0000Z	Mar 8	2400Z	Rules
Oklahoma QSO Party	Mar 14	1400Z	Mar 15	2100Z	Rules
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	Mar 14	1500Z	Mar 15	1500Z	Rules
Idaho QSO Party	Mar 14	1900Z	Mar 15	1900Z	Rules
North American Sprint, RTTY	Mar 15	0000Z	Mar 15	0359Z	Rules
Wisconsin QSO Party	Mar 15	1800Z	Mar 16	0100Z	Rules

BARTG HF RTTY Contest	Mar 21	0200Z	Mar 23	0200Z	Rules
Russian DX Contest	Mar 21	1200Z	Mar 22	1200Z	Rules
Virginia QSO Party	Mar 21	1400Z	Mar 22	2400Z	Rules
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	Mar 28	0000Z	Mar 29	2400Z	Rules
Louisiana QSO Party	Apr 4	1400Z	Apr 5	0200Z	Rules
SP DX Contest	Apr 4	1500Z	Apr 5	1500Z	Rules
QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party	Apr 11	0000Z	Apr 11	2359Z	Rules
JIDX CW Contest	Apr 11	0700Z	Apr 12	1300Z	Rules
OK/OM DX Contest, SSB	Apr 11	1200Z	Apr 12	1159Z	Rules
New Mexico QSO Party	Apr 11	1400Z	Apr 12	0200Z	Rules
Georgia QSO Party	Apr 11	1800Z	Apr 12	2359Z	Rules

(Contest data courtesy of the [WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#))